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Agree with Department's views on procedure handling Federal Republic's aide memoire though suggestion of London and Paris in their telegrams 1608 and POLTO 717 for simultaneous delivery of note to Soviet Union together with tripartite reply to Germans would appear most effective.

Delivery yesterday to three western powers Soviet note supporting GDR proposals should, of course, be taken into account in note to Soviets and would appear afford opportunity restate 4-power responsibility for German problem as a whole, its link to European security and at same time make tie-in with necessity for careful preparatory work for possible summit meeting.

German Ambassador informed me at dinner last night he, too, had received note which differed however from those delivered western powers principally in that it mentioned Soviet proposals of 1952 as well as state treaty with Austria. Notes not published this morning's press but will undoubtedly appear tomorrow.

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